

## The Foundation for Appropriate and Immediate Temporary Help (FAITH)

### Our Mission

FAITH's mission is to provide humanitarian aid to individuals and families in need living in Northern Virginia. We serve people of all faiths and ethnicities.

Our vision is to strengthen the community by helping individuals and families lead dignified and harmonious lives.

FAITH functions as a multipurpose social services organization, offering the following programs and services:

### Helping Hands

**The FAITH Helping Hands Program serves individuals and families in need through the following activities:**

- Processing applications for rent, medical expenses, transportation, food, utilities, education, child care, and other forms of assistance
- Case management
- Referrals to appropriate social service agencies
- Telephone crisis counseling
- Collection and disbursement of zakat (alms) and other charitable donations

## Safe and Peaceful Families

**FAITH promotes stable families by providing assistance, education and counseling.**

**FAITH is a member of:**

- Network against Family Abuse (NAFA)
- Domestic and Sexual Violence Coordinating Council of Loudoun County
- Fairfax County Community Resource Council
- Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS) serves as FAITH's mentor organization.

**FAITH supports Domestic Violence survivors by:**

- Connecting the victim to county and private resources
- Providing court advocacy and translation services
- Providing transportation to shelters
- Providing financial assistance

**FAITH has researched domestic violence issues** in the Islamic faith context and published the book, (What Islam Says about Domestic Violence.)

## FAITH Thrift Store

**The FAITH Thrift Store supports FAITH by:**

- Selling clothing, house wares, electronics, books and other items at affordable prices
- Providing free items to FAITH clients
- Generating income for FAITH activities

The thrift store is located at 500 Grove St., Herndon, VA, 20170. For store hours, call 703-766-3396. We accept donations in excellent and gently used condition.

## Senior Citizens Program

**FAITH assists Senior Citizens by:**

- Arranging transportation to places of worship and to social gatherings
- Providing staff for in-home services

## Single Parents and Children

**FAITH gives financial and social support to:**

- Widowed, divorced, and deserted women and their children
- Single fathers and their children
- Orphans

## Other Services

**Other FAITH services include:**

- Providing donated cars to clients
- Food Pantry for the hungry
- Budgeting and financial counseling
- Islamic burial services
- Referrals to training programs for unemployed and under-employed adults
- Job interview and resume preparation

## Future Projects

- Congregational Health Ministry to provide community health awareness and education in cooperation with INOVA Health Systems
- Continuing research on domestic violence
- Research and education on social issues
- Transitional housing and shelters